

**TOWN OF WINDHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY
Website: www.townofwindhamny.gov**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Present: Supervisor: Thomas F. Hoyt
Councilmen: Wayne Van Valin, Ian Peters, Stephen Walker & Kurt Goettsche
Town Clerk: Bonnie Poehmel

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Robert “BJ” Murray, Chief of Police Rich Selner, Delaware Engineering John Brust, Joe Baglio, Connor Exum, Connor Greco from the Overlook View & Mike Ryan Mountain Eagle

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Chief Selner opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2026, TOWN BOARD MEETING were approved as typed on a motion by Councilman Walker, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with 4 in favor, Councilman Peters abstains as he was absent.

1.OPENING OF SEALED BIDS #26-001 “Diesel Bid” and #26-002 “Gasoline Bid”:
Supervisor Hoyt opened and read the bids allowed. **“NOTICE TO BID PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that sealed bids will be received for **REGULAR UNLEADED** at the office of Windham Town Clerk, 371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY 12439, until 2:00 PM August 28, 2015. Bids shall be contained in a sealed envelope, clearly marked **“Gasoline Bid”**. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Town of Windham Board Meeting on August 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Bid packages can be obtained by any bidder at the Town of Windham Highway Superintendent’s office, 83 Mitchell Hollow Rd Windham, New York, and shall be prepared in accordance with the forms contained in the bid package. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of the bid opening. The Town of Windham reserves the

right to reject any and all bids. **Bid: #25-002** By Order of Windham Town Board Bonnie Poehmel Town Clerk Dated: August 14, 2025. The same notice was written for **ULTRA LOW SULFUR**. Bids shall be contained in a sealed envelope, clearly marked **“Diesel Bid”**. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Town of Windham Board Meeting on August 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM...**Bid: #25-001**. Main Care Energy was the only submitted bid. Main Care Energy delivered at 0.295 per gallon for the diesel bid and delivered at 0.295 per gallon for the gasoline bid. Highway Supervisor Murray will review the bid and report back to the Board. The bid was accepted. A motion to approve the bid was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

2.GREENE ROOM PLAYERS are seeking permission to use Centre Property for a Holiday Community Concert on December 12, 2026 @ 6:30 pm. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

3.HR & A PROPSAL “to support the development of an Economic Development Strategy for the Town of Windham..The Town of Windham is a world-class destination with abundant natural resources, a tight-knit community, and a rich heritage rooted in the Catskill Mountains. The town benefits from a strong civic fabric and local economy. **Town leadership has made significant recent infrastructure investments in recent years that will improve local quality of life and help secure long-term finances**, including improvements to water filtration, emergency services, and youth recreation. The 2022 Comprehensive Plan, developed with significant community input, reflects a shared commitment to responsible growth, environmental stewardship, and a thriving year-round economy. The newly adopted zoning code builds on this consensus by adding common-sense guidelines to local development. More than 250 units of new owner-occupied and multifamily housing are currently planned or underway across the Town, and several investors are exploring major projects that could positively impact Windham. **HR&A is a national economic development advisory firm with a local presence in Greene County that specializes in helping New York State communities strengthen their local economies** – we advise on how to prioritize projects, establish business plans, and develop partnerships that deliver on public goals for maximum impact. We have provided a proposed scope of work below, along with a summary of our recent experience, team composition, and proposed fee.” This will allow the town to pursue grant opportunities. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. **Delaware Engineering John Brust** spoke he can give them some help with any public input. John will also get in touch with this group that the Board was approved to move forward.

4.HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL 2026-2027: A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor.

5.TOWN JUSTICE REPORT for August: Justice Carreras \$1,866.00 was duly noted by the Board.

6.AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUND RESOLUTION #14 OF 2026: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Ambulance Fund accounts for 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. GENERAL FUND RESOLUTION #18 OF 2026: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the General Fund accounts for 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #130 OF 2026:

Be It Resolved, that the Town of Windham, Location Code 30304, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body.

- The following departments are established as a standard work day of 8 hours:
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| Animal Control Officer | Highway Superintendent |
| Councilman | Tax Collector |
| Supervisor | Town Justice |
| Planning Board Member | Town Clerk |
| Zoning Enforcement Officer | |

A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #131 OF 2026:
To authorize the Supervisor to establish the following checking accounts entitled:

Town of Windham – Trust and Agency
Town of Windham- Ambulance Holding

The above-named checking accounts are to be opened at the NBT Bank, Windham, NY.

A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #132 OF 2026: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Sewer District accounts for 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #133 OF 2026:

To authorize the Supervisor to use \$ 25,532.63 from Unappropriated Fund Balance in order to balance the accounts in the Highway Fund as per Highway Resolution # 6 of 2026.

A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION #134 OF 2026:

To authorize the Supervisor to close the following checking accounts entitled:

Town of Windham – Capital Sewer EDU
Town of Windham- Sewer District #2- Crystal Pond

The above-named checking accounts are to be closed at the National Bank of Coxsackie (BSNB) , Cairo, New York.

A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. HIGHWAY FUND RESOLUTION #6 OF 2026: the following resolution was proposed to transfer funds to balance the Highway Fund accounts for 2026. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

7.AMBULANCE REPORT: The following report was submitted to the Board for their review: ***“Calls for the Month of August 2026: Calls in Windham: Advanced Life Support (ALS)-20, Basic Life Support (BLS)-11, Refused Medical Assistance (RMA)-1, Call Cancelled-(C/C)-3; Stand By (S/B-FD)-1; Calls in Jewett: ALS-2, RMA-1; Calls in Hunter: C/C-2, RMA-3; Calls in Durham: ALS-1, BLS-1; Calls in Ashland: ALS-1; Calls in Cairo: C/C-1. County Coverage Request Amb S/B-4; ALS Stand by Request-10. Total calls: 66. Calls turned over to Mutual Aid: Ashland-4. Vehicle Mileage Log for August 2026: 96-1: 123,836 and 96-2: 39,985.”***

8.POLICE REPORT: Chief Rich Selner was present. The Chief thanked the Town Board for all their cooperation in renovating the new station. The Town Assessor Richard Tollner has been helping out with a law enforcement technology grant. The Windham Foundation has donated an ATV side by side to the Police Dept to be used for special details. The Chief would like permission to look at quotes for a new police vehicle; Car 7F384 has high mileage of 100,854 and the engine needs a lot of work done. The car is still being used but only for special details. And a trailer will be needed to pull the ATV. Highway Superintendent Murray said the highway dept has a trailer to loan them as needed. School details: there is only one full-time officer on during the school bus schedule time in the morning and afternoons. The officer will be there unless he is called away.

9.HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent Robert “BJ” Murray was present. Sealed Bids to be reviewed for comment: Main Care Energy was the only submitted bid. **Main Care Energy delivered at 0.295 per gallon for the diesel bid and delivered at 0.295 per gallon for the gasoline bid.** Highway Supervisor Murray will review the bid and report back to the Board. The bid was accepted. A motion to approve the bid was made by Supervisor Hoyt, 2nd by Councilman Peters, with all in favor. The new highway pickup truck has been delivered. The radios have been installed in the new pickup. Highway Supervisor Murray would like to keep the 2016 pickup truck with plow for the fleet. He would like permission to take the 2-wheel water

truck to the surplus auction. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. Also, the 284 Form Agreement has been Amended for the Board's review and approval. General repairs spending \$44,361 for .50 miles of town highways from Bell Hill Road & County Route 21 to Bell Hill Road & Begley Road. There is a remaining balance of \$15,000 to spend on the CHIPS money. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Walker, Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. At the fall Career Day at WAJ School a student applicant was found with an interest in working at the highway dept. The application was passed to the Board for their review and comment. A motion to hire Thomas Alberti was approved by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. The highway dept is almost done with the fall brush-hogging.

10.COMMITTEE REPORT: **Councilman Walker** has nothing to report. He will be attending the next CWT Meeting. **Councilman Van Valin** will be looking at the budget for next year as the ramp and railings at the library will need to have work done. **Councilman Goettsche** has nothing to report. **Councilman Peters** would like to thank Highway Superintendent Robert "BJ" Murray for all his work at the library. **Supervisor Hoyt**, the Windham Transfer Station (dump) will start construction work this fall. The commercial dumping will be shut down and moved to Hunter. The residential dumping will remain there just in a different location. Greene County will be demolishing Morrow's Store on the corner of County Route 40 & 56, Maplecrest. The bridge work will start next summer after June 15, 2027. The road for detour around this area will be State Route 296 to County Route 23C to County Route 40 and then to County Route 56. Supervisor Hoyt has a letter dated from December 2025 to Windham Mountain Club for their sewer to their residence. The letter was lost in a shuffle and has been found. Dept of Health is looking for the signed letter. Supervisor Hoyt would like permission from the Town Board to sign this letter. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor. The swimming at CD Lane Park is now closed for the season. The boats will continue weekends only to closing weather permitting. The pavilion was used a lot this summer and left in excellent condition each time after use. The people are excited to use the pavilion and park and are showing their care for it. The use has doubled since last year.

Supervisor to set **Tentative Budget Workshop Tuesday, October 6, 2026 @ 6:00 pm.** A motion to approve was made by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Walker, with all in favor.

ACCOUNT BALANCES AND BUDGET COMPARISONS September 10, 2026, files were made available for the Board to review.

GENERAL FUND WARRANT #17-G contained vouchers #592-621, totaling \$25,190.60 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY FUND WARRANT #17 contained vouchers #164-171, totaling \$13,683.22 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT FUND WARRANT #17 contained vouchers #234-241, totaling \$44,938.89 was audited and approved on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

STREETLIGHTING FUND WARRANT #9 contained vouchers #70-77, totaling \$2,089.10 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

AMBULANCE FUND WARRANT #17 contained vouchers #191-203, totaling \$11,047.62 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL WARRANT #17-P for **General** contained 15 claims, totaling \$16,820.15 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Ambulance** payroll contained 16 claims, totaling \$20,960.73 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor. **Police** payroll contained 2 claims, totaling \$6185.43 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY PAYROLL WARRANT #17-P contained 3 claims, totaling \$6,040.80 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Van Valin, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

SEWER DISTRICT PAYROLL WARRANT #17-P contained 2 claims, totaling \$453.06 was audited and approved for payment on a motion by Councilman Goettsche, 2nd by Councilman Van Valin, with all in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: no comment was made.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm on a motion by Councilman Peters, 2nd by Councilman Goettsche, with all in favor.

_____ SUPERVISOR	_____ COUNCILMAN	_____ COUNCILMAN
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